# The Philagram

# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Mint Hill, North Carolina June 2017



# From Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

# Sunglasses...& other things

Ahhh...Summer! I love summer! What's not to love? Summer brings warm weather, crepe myrtles and magnolia blooms, trips to the beach and afternoons at the pool. Summer is also convertible weather! I love being able to take the "freedom" top off our family's jeep and let the wind blow through my hair (③) as I hit the road to just about anywhere. Besides the possibility of rain, the only issue with having the top off of the jeep is actually the sunshine. It's awesome to enjoy the sunshine, but for cats like me with less hair than I used to have and skin that prefers sunscreen over sunshine, trips with the top off take a little extra prep.

To take the top off and enjoy the summer sun, I need the above mentioned sunscreen, I need a hat, and I need sunglasses. So the hat and sunscreen we have plenty of in our home, but the sunglasses I have to buy. I tried once to buy expensive shades and just lost them. So, I decided that from now on, I'm only buying dollar store sunglasses. Hey, they're only a dollar! I can lose or break dollar glasses and not feel so bad. So, here is the problem. Apparently, it seems, I don't lose dollar store shades! Having bought several pairs in anticipation of losing them, I now have pairs of dollar store sunglasses. I have so many that I don't have room for them in my jeep!

So recently, looking at my mountain of piled up sunglasses, it struck me. Sunglasses are a luxury. I know they were only a buck each, but how many do I really need? I mean, I can only wear one pair at a time, and I have so many that I don't even have a place to keep them! Then I had the chance to watch a program on South Africa in which the host took the audience on a trip through the outlying neighborhoods of South Africa's larger cities. The people were excited because the economy is improving in the area. People are able to afford longer clothes lines, larger cinderblock homes and a community spigot in the middle of the village for fresh water.

There is even an elementary school where kids can go for free. In fact the kids came out and sang a song for the camera. The song was about AIDS/HIV. As the kids were elementary ages, I was waiting to hear Row, Row, Row Your Boat or maybe Mary Had a Little Lamb. Instead, they sang about A, B, C—which stood for Abstinence, Be faithful and Condomization. (wow, really?)

The host of the show was as taken back as I was to hear young kids singing about these topics, but the principal was clear that these children need to understand their environment and their choices if they hope to make the most of their lives.

On one side of the coin, I have too many pairs of sunglasses. What a luxury. On the other side, these children learn and sing kids songs that deal with survival itself. There seems to be a gap here.

What can we do? We don't live in Africa! NO, we don't. But we do live here and there are kids and adults that need help here. For my part, I can take the opportunity to consider just how many pairs of sunglasses I need--I take that back—how many pairs of sunglasses that I want! I mean, where else might that \$5 go? It might go to Africa. It might go to Haiti. It might go to help Syrian refugees. It might go into an afterschool program at PPC that invites children onto this facility, and into this faith community's life! It might invite PPC into their lives as well!

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# From Katie Sloan, Associate Minister

#### Movies in the Courtyard

Grab your blankets and comfortable lawn chairs for a night of fun.

God doesn't take a sabbatical during the summer and neither does PPC! We are gearing up for an exciting season filled with Small Group Bible Studies, VBS, youth trips, and family fun!

On the third Wednesday of June, July, and August we will be hosting "Movies in the Courtyard". What a great way to wind-down after a busy, hot summer day. This is also an exciting opportunity for fellowship and outreach with the community. Who doesn't love a free movie? So, spread the word.

**WE** will provide a variety of flavors of popcorn and cold drinks. **YOU** grab your friends, neighbors, blankets, and lawn chairs and come join us in the courtyard for a night of family fun!

Each movie night will have a fun theme to go alone with the movie. June's movie theme? Grab your grass skirt and your leis... we're having a luau!

Our summer line-up includes:

June 21



July 19



August 16



Movies will be shown at 8:30pm but we encourage you to arrive early and get a great spot on the lawn. Come on out and watch the sunset and then watch a great family friendly movie.

Are you ready for the summer? I am.

Katie

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# PPC is proud to announce another exciting opportunity to worship!

The Journey (J9) will begin on September 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary! The new service will feature a looser order of worship, more varied styles of music and be a more relaxed service. Our pastors, Rusty and Katie, will preach the message and the Praise Team will lead the music.

The new Sunday schedule will be: The Journey (J9) 9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We can use your help with singing, playing an instrument, technology, set-up, advertising, childcare and so much more. Pray and consider how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity to spread the Good News! You can contact any Marnie Gallagher 704-661-1352 for more information. Can't wait to see you on The Journey!

# **Graduation Sunday is June 11**



If your high school, college, or higher learning graduate would like to be recognized on this day, please contact the church office. A breakfast will be provided for the graduates and their

families at 8:30 in Bigham Hall.

# Library news

Do you ever feel the need for a quiet place? A place to pray? Meditate? Meet with your Stephen Minister/client? Gather with two or three others to talk or pray together? Or maybe just sit in the quiet? May we suggest the Library Reading Room at the end of the library wing? The area is small enough to be intimate, very comfortable, and accessible from the outside or through the Heritage Room/library area. Signs for both doors will be available stating the room is in use and not to be disturbed. Books are available to guide your meditations/take home to use/ enjoy. Coffee, tea, and music will be available. We have wonderful spaces on campus for you to enhance your faith journey. We encourage you to use them often.

# Men's Small Group

Join us for a 7-week Bible study "Dare to be Uncommon" by Tony Dungy. We will meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fred Brown classroom. For more information and to sign up, contact Jamie Blanchard at ratcrew1@gmail.com or 704-649-4955. The first meeting will have been on May 31, but you may join in with the study any week!

# Presbyterian Men announce plans for golf tournament

The 11th Annual Dale Jones Golf Tournament will be held on October 16, 2017 at Pine Lake Country Club. For information about playing, sponsoring, or volunteering, contact Ed Simmons at jes0903@aol.com or at 704-545-8620. Help yourself to one of the brochures that will be available around the church.

Registration will be at 10:30 a.m., and the shotgun start will be at noon. Proceeds will be used to support PPC youth mission trips, Bright Blessings, Charlotte Rescue Mission, and Habitat for Humanity Matthews, NC.

# Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School August 6-10!

The VBS team would love your help!! If you would like

to serve in any way, please contact Susan Griffin at <a href="mailto:smgriff-">smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com</a>

This year's theme is ROME-Paul and the Underground Church. Invite your family and friends to join us! Register you and your family on sign up genius beginning June 4. VBS is for ALL ages with activities for children, teens and adults!!



# **Promotion Sunday is June 4**

KINGDOM KIDS, ages 3 years-5th grade, will be promoted during the worship service. Please have your Kingdom Kid report to Sunday School at 9:30 am sharp for practice. During the ceremony rising 3rd graders will receive a Bible and rising 6th graders will cross over to the youth group. After the service the Kingdom Kid families are invited to a picnic on the church playground.

# **Backpacks of Love**

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, this caring, generous congregation has made a huge difference in the lives of children at Clear Creek Elementary by providing nourishing and enjoyable food over the weekends. As of this writing, fruits and vegetables are current needs. Any foods that might expire over the summer will be sent home at the close of the school year along with the usual array of lunch and dinner entrees, fruits, vegetables, snacks, cereal and Pop Tarts or cereal bars, with an occasional addition of fresh fruit or seasonal treats. Watch for notices of the start of collections in August, as school starts up again on the 28<sup>th</sup>!

# Ten Cents a Meal offering received on second Sundays

The offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month to support hunger-fighting programs within the Presbytery of Charlotte bounds, and to feed the mind, body and spirit of people in our communities to include hunger related and "at-risk" youth programming.

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# Church History and an Invitation for You

#### The Annex

By Becky Griffin

In March 1941, Fred McAlister, Sr. became the pastor at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. War clouds hung over the nation. Young men age 18 years and above were effected by the military draft.

The need for educational space was a primary concern of the church. Sunday School officers and teachers were convinced that the future of the church depended on the adequate and proper space to instruct and teach future generations. The congregation responded positively to their appeal and voted to move forward with the project. The building committee was composed of R. J. McEwen, Chairman, John M. McEwen, treasurer, Ned E. Dorton, and W. M. Junker. Adding two rooms had been discussed for several years. But the ideas had grown and instead of the two rooms, previously considered, a two story building with a fellowship room, a kitchen and two rest rooms on the first floor and eight small classrooms and an assembly room on the second floor was projected. The addition planned to be at the back of the original building and necessitated the removal of the space used for the choir to gather which had been added earlier.

On November 2, 1941, Session gave full authority to buy the necessary materials and begin work on the project. Five weeks later the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor took place. Work continued on a pay-as-you go basis, with church members contributing labor as well as money. The building was completed in the fall of 1942 with a small debt that was paid off in two years. This multi purpose building housed the first inside restrooms for the church, as well as the first kitchen and ample space for children's Sunday School Classes upstairs. The downstairs area was one big open room with metal poles scattered for support. The kitchen was in a small area in the back of the building with a pass-through window for serving. Chicken and dumplings were always a favorite. In Rev. Russell Kerr's book *The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek* he says "the move toward modernization (construction of the building) had a marked impact on the numerical growth and morale of the church in the years immediately ahead. Membership increased by 14%. Total giving increased by 170%. New war jobs helped increase giving. The members took great pride in the beautiful educational building with full electricity and plumbing.

It was in this building that the Boy Scout troop was revitalized and where I remember attending many scout ceremonies for my two younger brothers. Many other family events including wedding receptions took place here. Sunday School classes grew with an expansion of the program for children. In June 1942, permission was granted by the Session, for the new building to be designated as an Air Raid Shelter.

This building was never officially named. At the dedication of the building in 1944, it was called the Educational Annex. The Presbyterian Women have been anxious to name the building. Some thought it appropriate to call it the Susan Center for Susan Griffin who had spearheaded the project for more than five years and who spent countless hours overseeing and actually doing some of the labor necessary to complete the restoration. Susan vetoed that idea. Finally, it was agreed upon to call it The Annex. Many of us remember our former Annex which was officially renamed in 1974 to the Julia Black Historical Room. So it seems very fitting that since we no longer had an annex, and since at the dedication of this building in 1944 it was called the Educational Annex, that the name Annex be forever attached to this magnificent repurposed building.

Join the Presbyterian Women for a tour and refreshments to celebrate the completion of our newly renovated Annex on June 10 immediately following the worship service.

### Presbyterian Women Annex Project

About six years ago the Bazaar Craft Group of Presbyterian Women realized that the room they had enjoyed for more than twenty years in the Kerr Building was becoming much too small to accommodate all the women who wanted to participate in the craft activities each week. Storage for supplies and finished crafts was becoming a real problem. Floral making was in another building and soon card crafts had to move because of lack of space. The ladies began to look at unused spaces on campus and to weigh the options. The newly purchased Black/Worth Home was the first choice. It had 2669 square feet of total usable space including the garage and porch areas. It would require very little upgrades and therefore make it the ideal place to expand. The craft room and closets in Kerr had a total of 529 square feet. This space seemed ideal. Then it became obvious that multiple groups wanted to move to that space. The woman soon realized that sharing the space would leave them little more additional space than they currently had.

The lower level of Bigham Hall was considered. How many rooms could be available for the Bazaar group? Several rooms were unused but several were used. Would anyone be willing to relocate to provide the adequate space needed by the Presbyterian Women? Lighting and electrical issues were discussed. Asbestos removal, the need for central heat and air conditioning, plumbing issues with small kid sized commodes were all major concerns.

The building at the back of the chapel was examined and discussed. Access to the second floor, the musty smell of old carpet, and a firewall to protect the historical chapel were major issues as well a need for central heat and air, new windows, new electrical throughout, and a sink on the second floor for washing paint brushes were all considered. The advantage was 5000 square feet of usable space! Meetings and quotes with general contractors in 2012 and 2013 were held. Reynolds and Sons helped tremendously by estimating the cost of the entire project and dividing it into phases that could be attainable for the women.

After assessment of group needs and available space, Becky Griffin representing the Bazaar Group met with Buildings and Grounds and Building Usage Ministries to discuss the "back of chapel" option. The recommendation to that committee included three parts: 1) Support and approve the restoration and use of the building by the Presbyterian Women. 2) Approve installation of a vertical lift inside the building near the back door. 3) Provide funding for the fire wall from the Braswell Fund. The Building and Grounds Committee enthusiastically approved. The recommendation was then taken to Session and approved.

Phase I was adding the \$23,000 vertical platform lift (elevator) to the second floor with little modifications to the building. The lift was a necessity for many women who are unable to navigate stairs. The concrete floor had to be made level with additional concrete added and a new floor covering and a new telephone line had to be installed for the elevator all before the inspection passed. The elevator space on the second floor took part of an old Sunday School class and left room for the much needed kitchen area with a sink and running water to the second floor. Progress seemed slow but several significant donations to the elevator made access to the second floor a reality. The Father's House Russian Church who had worshiped in our chapel building had found a new home and wanted to do a project to show their appreciation for the use of the Chapel building. They removed the old carpet, painted the walls, and tried to fix water damaged walls and plumbing. The building was not only pretty now but it smelled good. The Philadelphia Sunday School Class offered to pay to have the hardwood floors upstairs refinished. They had been covered with carpet for years. The result was stunningly beautiful. The firewall was completed as an Eagle Scout project and the attic stairs and flooring were repaired. The walls upstairs were painted as another Eagle Scout project. Phase I complete!

Phase II – Add central heating and air conditioning, replace electricity throughout with new outlets for craft use upstairs, and seal concrete downstairs with a new floor covering. Susan Griffin worked tirelessly to get the best prices. Two 5-ton heat pump split systems were installed, ducts were wrapped with foil insulation and new insulation was added in the attic. The old system was removed from the dirt floor closet that had been dug under the stairs years ago. What a difference in the humidity this made.

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Mike Barkley Isabel Fee Will Robison Luke Governale 3 David Reed **Shirley Simmons** Virginia Boyd 4 Madelyn Harding 5 Pete Robison Lillian McAlister

Lindsay Herrington Camryn Thomas Leslie Allen 7 Ken Cloaninger Karen Hodgin Matthew McGuinness

Nita Phillips 8 9 Braxton Hartsell 9 Hannah Johnson 9 Marilyn Kite 9 Katie Newton 9 **Brett Owens** 9 Jamie Robison 10 Alice Biggers Ann Hutton 10 Rebecca Jamison 10 10 Laura King Ann Whaley 10 Emma Kafitz 11 Earney Smith 12 14 Perry Davis 15 Joshua Leavell

Tam Babulski

Neal Broome

16 Roy Perry

21 Paul Leavell Katherine Alphine 23 Lori Beth Jaeger 23 Jason Williams 24 Aubrey Bartlett 24 Cathy Ford Marty Robinson 25 Joyce Anderson 25 Thomas King 25 Bruce Muehl 26 Alex Ensley 26 Lynda Gardner 27 Jennifer Perkins 27 Victor Orr 28 John Ellis 29 Diane Beard 29 Lewana Ratliff Austin Hall Meredith Morris

# June Anniversaries

Kevin & Jill Linscheid

Rick & Jamie Forbis

Franklin & Louise McSwain

2 2 7 Rocky & Cindi Hoffner

Matt & Jessica Corrigan

Greg & Tammy Dayton 7

11 Rudy & Judy Turnage

12 Jon & Becky Szymanski

13 Roy & Marveen Perry

15 Doug & Kaye Vass

18 Joel & Judithann Moore

19 Clark & Linda Davenport

19 Jeff & Amy Lewis

Tony & Becky Garagiola 20

21 Matt & Rachel Hoover

Jody & Tanya Briner 22

22 Greg & Janean Flowe

22 Dick & Jean Lamb

Bill & Carla Lohrer

23 Gary & Ann Brown

24 Keith & Karen McGuinness

24 Jim & Ann Hutton

24 Dale & Brenda Mayberry

25 Luke & Abby Governale

26 Chuck & Beverly Taylor

27 David &Tracy Fee

28 Don & Lewana Ratliff

Barry & Jane Long

Steve & Laura King

29 Mike & Liesl West

If your name was omitted from the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office

#### Gifts to the church

#### In memory of...

Joy Long-Glinda Ross, Matthews Elementary School Retired Staff, Dennis & Brenda Culpepper, Kristy Frizzi, D. J. Saleeby, Jr. & Leslie Saleeby, Martha Price, Aubrey Bartlett, Vann & Martha Love, Perry & Sue Davis, Frank & Doris Simril, Earp Williams VFW Post 4059 Ladies Auxiliary, Louise Rodgers & Beth Rodgers Coulter, Lee & Carolyn Smith, Ralph Leete Fellowship Class, Patsy Blackley, Priscilla Tillman, Joseph & Suzanne Newton, Thomas & Glenda Patton (Endowment Fund); Janice Wilson, Sue Tilley, Ann Pearce, Claudia Long, Robert Long, Ernest & Linda Jamison, T. F. & Louise McSwain (Bond Repayment); Bobby Long, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vallidis (Current Fund)

**David Hyatt**—Larry Black, Perry & Sue Davis (Endowment Fund); Robert Long, Ernest & Linda Jamison, T. F. & Louise McSwain (Bond Repayment)

Bill Furr-T. F. & Louise McSwain, Martha Carriker (Bond Repay-

ment)

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Herman Morris—Martha Carriker (Bond Repayment)

Bill Weatherly—Tina Ross (Endowment Fund)

James Black—Richard & Betty Hechenbleikner, Tina Ross, Larry & Ginger Black, Sue Tilley, Charlie & Marion Carson, Daniel & Jean Meyerson, Ray & Jan Swetenburg, Dr. & Mrs. R. Bruce Bass Jr., Richard & Betty Hechenbleikner, Richard & Johanna Kane, James & Wendy Kenney (Endowment Fund); Herb & Sylvia Gill (Capital Needs); Ernest & Linda Jamison (Chapel Restoration); Driggers Electric & Control Company (Current Fund)

**Jim Griffin**—Martha Carriker (Bond Repayment)

#### Birthday Endowment...

Augusta Newton—from Lisa Newton

# We extend sympathy for the following deaths:

- [Carl Junior Craddock] father -in-law of Jan Craddock on April 28
- J. D. Carter on April 30
- [Dorman Potter] uncle of Keith Perkins on May 1
- [Betty Baker] sister of Brenda Funderburk on May 10
- [Peggy Crowder] stepmother of Bill Crowder on May 17
- Former PPC member Lester Navey

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We have so many choices every day that offer us the chance to spend our time and resources on ourselves or on others.

Every day, God calls us to make choices that are helpful for both. I'm done buying sunglasses for a while! Instead, I'm finding a way to spend a few extra bucks on others who might like a new pair of shades, or help with the rent, or help paying a power bill. The choice is ours every day. Certainly we can buy the things that we need and want. Remember, Solomon and David and others in Scripture were fabulously wealthy. However, our call as Christians is to continually examine ourselves and our call to service in Christ and how God wants us to live into that call.

Maybe we share our sunglasses. Maybe we sponsor a child in Africa. Maybe we go to Africa. Maybe we take vacation to help lead a youth trip. Maybe we serve at a local soup kitchen, thrift store or clothes closet. Maybe we start an afterschool homework assistance group at PPC for local children. In any case, I am sure that while I have too many pairs of sunglasses, there are others out there who have none. I'm sure that the sun shines just as brightly where they live as it does here. I can help with that issue. And, chances are, there are a few other things that I can do for others along the way as well. What do you think?????

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#### Thursday, June 1

6:00 p.m.—Small Group Mtg.—Heritage Rm. 7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Admin. Min. Mtg.—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

# Friday, June 2

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

#### <u>Saturday, June 3</u>

8:00 a.m.—Stephen Ministry Retreat—Bigham Hall

#### Promotion Sunday, June 4

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

#### Monday, June 5

6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Rm.

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Deacons Mtg.—Heritage Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

#### Tuesday, June 6

10:30 a.m.—Circles 1 & 2—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

### Wednesday, June 7

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

7:00 p.m.—Women's Small Group—Room 102

7:00 p.m.—Men's Small Group—Fred Brown Classroom

7:30 p.m.—Youth Director Search Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm.

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

#### Thursday, June 8

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

#### <u>Friday, June 9</u>

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

#### Saturday, June 10

No Meetings

# **Graduation Sunday, June 11**

8:30 a.m.—Graduation Breakfast—Bigham Hall

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Rm.

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

#### Monday, June 12

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:00 p.m.—Evangelism & Outreach Ministry—Session Rm.

7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

# Tuesday, June 13

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

7:00 p.m.—Alternative Worship Com. Mtg.—Choir Rm.

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

### Wednesday, June 14

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

7:00 p.m.—Women's Small Group—Room 102 7:00 p.m.—Men's Small Group—Fred Brown Classroom

7:30 p.m.—Youth Director Search Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm.

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

#### Thursday, June 15

6:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

# <u>Friday, June 16</u>

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, June 17 No Meetings

#### Sunday, June 18

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

9:30 a.m.—Connections Class—Session Room

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Sanctuary

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

#### Monday, June 19

7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

#### Tuesday, June 20

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

#### Wednesday, June 21

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

 $6:00~\mathrm{p.m.}$ —Craft Workshops—Craftroom

7:00 p.m.—Men's Small Group—Fred Brown Classroom

7:30 p.m.—Youth Director Search Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm.

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

#### Thursday, June 22

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

#### Friday, June 23

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, June 24 No Meetings

# Sunday, June 25

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

12:00 p.m.—New Member Luncheon—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

#### Monday, June 26

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

# Tuesday, June 27

7:00 p.m.—Alternative Worship Com. Mtg.—Choir Rm.

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

#### Wednesday, June 28

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

7:00 p.m.—Men's Small Group Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

7:30 p.m.—Youth Director Search Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm.

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

# Thursday, June 29

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

6:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room

Friday, June 30

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

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Electricity had to be upgraded throughout the lower and upper levels. The floors downstairs were sealed and a new "hardwood floor look" covering was installed.

Phase III- This phase included removing and replacing all 20 windows at a total cost of \$10,000. The clear glass, double hung wood windows (replacing frosted ones) make an amazing difference. The natural light and seeing the beauty of the campus from inside is such an incredible bonus. French doors were added upstairs (taken from downstairs area), a wall was added to divide one room downstairs to make storage as well as a meeting space for small groups. Two outside doors were replaced by windows. Three new outside doors were installed. A small platform was added at one door for easy assess. Walls and trim were painted and repainted. The stairs were repainted and new treads added for safety. The former men's bathroom was floored and painted for unisex use

Giving a building new life has been an exciting and rewarding endeavor for the Presbyterian Women. Our Bazaar Ministry is vital and growing. Providing the much needed space for our Bazaar Ministry to gather together each week for fun, fellowship, and group therapy was our mission. For more than 45 years the Bazaar has raised money and provided funds for many, many projects and missions of PPC as well as projects around the world.

Join us for a tour as we celebrate the completion of our renovation to the new ANNEX on June 10, 2017 immediately following the worship service.

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# **MILITARY**

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Kindergarten news

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway! If you are planning to register your child for next year, please send in your application as soon as possible. Classes are filling up! You may obtain an application from our website: philadelphiachurch.org or from Vicki Crossman.

# Don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours!

# Time to go through your books!

A book drive for Habitat for Humanity will be held throughout the month of July. To drop off books, look for the blue Habitat bin in the hallway near the church office. Sales of all fiction, non-fiction, and children's books will benefit the Habitat ReStore, 1133 North Wendover Road, Charlotte. Books will be sold at Julia's Café and Books adjacent to the ReStore.

#### **PPC Mission Statement**

Growing the Kingdom of God by Spreading the Good News, Serving the least among us, Working for justice, and Teaching future generations



If you are a widower, come have breakfast at Showmars at 8:00 the third Friday of each month. It would be helpful to let Tony Baker know (704-545-4730) that you will be there, but it's not necessary. Just come around to the back room at Showmars in Mint Hill.

All announcements or inserts to be included in the weekly bulletin MUST be received in the office by noon on Thursday of each week. Announcements or inserts received after noon will be included in the following week's bulletin. Please be aware that any submissions may need to be edited for space!

You may sign up to receive **text alerts** of service and activity changes or closing due to bad weather by going to wsoctv.com/s/closings. Look for the "School closings and delays text alerts" link.

# **Stephen Ministry**

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job, it's something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in



an organized way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

If you know someone who is going through a difficult time,

If you know someone who is going through a difficult time, contact one of our Stephen Leaders Grace Phillips, Tony Baker, Lisa Newton, or Judy Turnage about Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care to help that person experience the healing power of Christ's love.

# Relay for Life

Thanks to those who went to the Relay for Life event on May 19. It's still not too late to make a donation. It's easy to do online (just look for the Philadelphia Presbyterian team) or you can simply make a check payable to the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Thanks for your prayers and financial support.

# Ladies, PW Council seeks two members at large

As a member-at-large, you would **not** have to moderate a circle. Council simply needs additional voters on matters of business and issues that come up for vote. In addition, council is always open to new thoughts and ideas on how to improve Presbyterian Women. The more members, the more good thoughts and ideas there are! Council usually meets once a month but not always.

If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Emily Davis, or if you are active in a circle, you may contact your circle moderator.

Have a safe and happy summer!

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